

MA Attribute Public Review  
Ownership Attributes

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Organization	Comment	Attribute #	DNR Repsonse
Anglers of the Ausable	Have no idea what Criteria 1 means. How can other ownerships be internal to the DNR?	1	Modified text of Ownership attribute # 1 to clarify intent.
Anglers of the Ausable	What landscape? Does this mean other land contiguous to DNR land, surrounded by DNR land, or both?	2	The landscape is defined as the ecoregion. The attribute applies to both DNR-owned lands and other ownerships.
Anglers of the Ausable	Does this mean the quality of the connection to other property, or the amount of connection? It seems that criterion 3 can overlap both criteria 1 and 2.	3	The attribute refers to the size and degree of connectivity of DNR Forest Land.
Forestland Group	I think it would be beneficial to include with the Ownership Criteria a 5th item as "Legal and Operational Access".	New	An additional attribute for "Degree of access" was added.
ARC Consulting Services	Add 5th criteria: Roaded and unroaded.	New	An additional attribute for "Degree of access" was added.
Unaffiliated Comment	Access is important to any MA. Not only for managing the resources but for fire danger and storm damage recovery as well as for public enjoyment.	New	An additional attribute for "Degree of access" was added.
The Nature Conservancy	Management decisions should consider the type of protection on adjacent lands.	New	Addressed by Ownership attribute # 1
MI Forest Products Council	The MFPC is supportive of examining ownership criteria when constructing forest management plans; however, it is difficult to comment on the four criteria used by the Department in this planning process since their proposed use is not explained.	All	Support acknowledged

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